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Claims 1-3 and 5-10 are pending in the present application. All of these claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). Claim 1 has been amended.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is entitled "**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**".

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because the Examiner is using Applicant's application, not the prior art, to provide the motivation for combining the cited references. Neither Tseng/Lin nor Hirose disclose, teach, or suggest the steps of providing a combination digital camera and light with the laptop computer, the combination digital camera and light integrated with one another and drawing power from the same power source, the light of the combination digital camera and light including at least one LED; drawing power from the same power source with the integrated, combination digital camera and light; and illuminating one or more objects of the digital camera of the integrated, combination digital camera and light associated with the laptop computer with at least one LED of the light of the combination digital camera and light.

In regard to Tseng/Lin, these references disclose a laptop light that is used to illuminate a keyboard of a laptop, not an integrated, combination digital camera and LED light for a laptop that is used to illuminate an object of the digital camera and draws power from the same power source. In regard to Hirose, this reference disclosed a mounting device for a laptop camera, not an integrated, combination digital camera and LED light for a laptop that is used to illuminate an object of the digital camera and draws power from the same power source. The Tseng/Lin references have nothing to do with obtaining an image with a camera, the Hirose reference has

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nothing to do with illuminating an object of the camera, and neither mentions the desirability of combining and integrating a LED with a digital camera for a laptop and powering both the LED and digital camera with the same power source.

The Examiner indicates that it is obvious to combine the features of the cited references to arrive at the claimed invention, but does not indicate where the motivation to do this comes from. If the cited combination was obvious, there certainly should be a prior art reference showing an integrated, combination digital camera and LED light for a laptop where both are powered from the same power source. The lack of such a reference or a reference showing the motivation to combine features as the Examiner does is evidence of the non-obviousness of the claimed invention. Using Applicants' application as roadmap to provide the motivation for combining the cited references is improper. Applicants' respectfully request the Examiner to provide a prior art reference showing an integrated, combination digital camera and LED light for a laptop where both are powered from the same power source or a prior art reference showing the motivation to combine these aspects. Thus, the major issue that still remains unanswered is whether prior art exists that shows a combination digital camera and light for a laptop computer where the combination digital camera and light are integrated with one another and draw power from the same power source, and the light includes at least one LED. Without such prior art, the claimed invention should be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Because dependent claims 2, 3 and 5-10 add further limitations to claim 1, these claims are further not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the references. Claim 10 is especially not disclosed, taught, or suggested by the cited prior art because these references show separate lights and a separate camera, not the combination digital camera and light integrated with the laptop computer.

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CONCLUSION

On the basis of the above, early allowance of the application is believed to be warranted and such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this amendment, a telephone call to the undersigned at the number listed below is respectfully urged.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A method of illuminating one or more objects of a combination digital camera and light associated with a laptop computer, comprising the steps of:
providing a combination digital camera and light with the laptop computer, the combination digital camera and light integrated with one another and drawing power from the same power source, the light of the combination digital camera and light including at least one LED;

drawing power from the same power source with the integrated, combination digital camera and light;

illuminating one or more objects of the digital camera of the integrated, combination digital camera and light associated with the laptop computer with at least one LED of the light of the combination digital camera and light.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one LED and digital camera of the combination digital camera and light are [is] powered by at least one watch battery.